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RECOGNIZING THE 100TH ANNIVERSARY OF UNITED WAY OF PIERCE COUNTY

HON. DEREK KILMER

OF WASHINGTON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2021

Mr. KILMER. Madam Speaker, I would like to take this moment to commemorate the 100th Anniversary of United Way of Pierce County.

United Way of Pierce County has been an integral part of our community since its founding on May 14, 1921—100 years ago. Established by an organizing committee composed of nine women and led by Emily R. Seymour, the organization was originally known as the Federation of Social Service Agencies. Founded to coordinate work among multiple Tacoma social agencies and serve more people, this organization has gone forward to provide services and leadership to our community for a century.

Over the last hundred years, United Way of Pierce County's mission has remained focused on breaking the cycle of poverty for local families. Since its founding, this organization has raised and reinvested 350 million dollars in our community.

United Way of Pierce County is also a leader in supporting diversity and inclusion efforts in our region. Their commitment to confronting systemic racism and recognizing its role in perpetrating persistent socioeconomic disparities strengthens their impact as they work for the prosperity and dignity of every person in the community.

Their current goal is to lift 15,000 households out of poverty and into financial stability by 2028. I look forward to working with United Way of Pierce County in continued partnership to address poverty and care for our community. They are difference makers.

I'd like to congratulate the organization's tremendous leadership, including President & CEO Dona Ponepinto, the board, and every person in our community that has supported their extraordinary work.

Madam Speaker, Members of Congress, please join me in celebrating the 100th Anniversary of United Way of Pierce County.

HONORING LYNN LEMAY AS A 28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2021

Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our Nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference

in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Lynn LeMay of West Hollywood, California.

Lynn has been a resident of West Hollywood for many years. Her mother was in the United States Army and her father, who served in World War II, was a First Lieutenant in the U.S. Marine Corps. Lynn was born in San Diego, California, while her father was overseas.

For many years, Ms. LeMay was a professional event planner and fundraiser for nonprofit, corporate, and political groups. She oversaw numerous events for thousands of guests. Currently retired, Lynn dedicates her time to serve the LGBTQ community, and has done so for more than forty years. She is a steadfast advocate for people living with AIDS. Her compassion for people living with AIDS began in the 1980's when she worked in the interior design industry with renowned designer, Barbara Lockhart.

During her extensive nonprofit career, Ms. LeMay worked for Gay and Lesbian Adolescent Social Services, and while working for the AIDS Healthcare Foundation, helped open three hospice sites for individuals with AIDS. In addition, she volunteered with AIDS Project Los Angeles and with a Master's degree in clinical psychology, was a compassionate resource for those in need.

Lynn has been a volunteer with Project Angel Food for many years, which serves medically tailored meals to individuals living with illnesses, including HIV/AIDS. She was one of the first volunteers when founder Marianne Williamson was initially setting up the organization. Ms. LeMay serves as one of Project Angel Food's Telephone Angels, which is a buddy telephone program designed to combat social isolation. She also played a role in implementing Project Angel Food's Feminine Hygiene Program, which conducts outreach to age-appropriate clients. Lynn took part in both programs during the coronavirus pandemic. She felt fulfilled speaking to individuals on the phone to let them know that they were being thought of and there was someone to listen to them.

Lynn has a son, Austin, who has followed in his mother's footsteps by being an AIDS activist while he was enrolled at the University of California, Santa Cruz.

Madam Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring this exceptional, well-respected woman of California's 28th Congressional District, Lynn LeMay.

HONORING 102 YEAR-OLD WWII VET GEORGE BUHLER

HON. JIM BANKS

OF INDIANA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2021

Mr. BANKS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor the life of Mr. George Buhler of Berne, Indiana.

Our Nation owes George a tremendous debt of gratitude for his dedicated service to our country in the United States Army during World War II. Serving in a military police unit in the European Theatre, his sacrifices were critical to the defense of our homeland and to the security and prosperity for millions of people.

As a sergeant in the 8th Infantry Division, George landed in Normandy, France, just days after the initial Allied invasion in June 1944. In July, George's platoon moved forward into Germany. There, he encountered General George S. Patton who ordered George to help procure the equipment and maps necessary for American troops to advance over the Siegfried Line. The Allied advance into Germany continued into autumn and winter, during which George's unit fought in the Battle of Hurtgen Forest and the Battle of the Bulge. In 1945, George returned to France, wherein he saw the end of the war in Europe.

George returned to civilian life and, like most in the Greatest Generation, was modest in recalling his service in the years thenceforth. That's why I'm proud to honor George, the oldest veteran in Adams County, by entering into the CONGRESSIONAL RECORD these regards. George, on behalf of Congress, let me say: we hope your heart is filled with joy in knowing you have experienced our country's greatest blessings, including the affection of family, friends, and a grateful nation, over a long and well-lived life.

George's legacy of service is a proud part of the American story. This is a testament to his commitment to our people, and the ideals, to which we strive.

RECOGNIZING JULIE PARKER AS MY CONSTITUENTS OF THE MONTH

HON. MIKE LEVIN

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2021

Mr. LEVIN of California. Madam Speaker, it is my great honor to recognize one of my district's finest educators, Principal Julie Parker, as my July Constituent of the Month. After spending 34 years molding young minds and building a foundation for her students' success, Principal Julie Parker's journey came to a close with her well-deserved retirement. For the last 26 years, Julie was a source of leadership and inspiration for students, parents, and staff alike at the Cardiff School.

As a father of two young children, I know from experience how valuable and cherished our educators are to our communities, and Principal Parker's passion for teaching and creating a thriving environment for youth is an inspiration. Seeking to ensure that her students have every opportunity to grow and flourish, Principal Parker played a significant role in the recent remodeling of the Cardiff School, which brought about critical improvements for students to embrace their gifts in the award-winning institution. She also guided the school through the creation of several successful programs that create well-rounded students, including Garden to Lunch, Cardio Club, and STEAM Lab. Under her devoted leadership, the school continues to strive for and achieve academic excellence.

Through a year of uncertainty and challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic, Principal Parker went above and beyond to keep the fabric of her school's community strong. When the school moved to a virtual learning format at the onset of the pandemic, she took it upon herself to hand-deliver personalized gifts to each of her teachers at their

homes. When her school resumed in-person learning months later, Principal Parker was the first to welcome her students and staff back to the campus. She has been an exemplary leader through these trying times.

For her mentorship, kindness, and commitment to excellence, Principal Parker will be thoroughly missed in the education community, and I'm incredibly thankful for her passion to uplift and encourage our youth. I'm proud to honor her as my July Constituent of the Month.

RICK SHANKLIN

HON. JAMES COMER

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2021

Mr. COMER. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Rick Shanklin on his retirement from the National Weather Service at the end of this month. His impressive thirty-seven-year career has spanned across multiple states and saved countless lives from natural disasters.

Rick has accomplished many unique feats during his career. He is the only meteorologist to serve in all three NWS offices in Kentucky, as well as pioneering the Kentucky Mesonet. He also is a national expert for rating tornadoes EF3 or stronger and surveyed six EF4 tornadoes.

Rick helped NWS Paducah earn Gold, Silver, and Bronze medals from the Department of Commerce. Both the Governors of Kentucky and Missouri have recognized him for his expertise as well.

I want to thank Rick Shanklin for his service to the First District of Kentucky and the United States over his career. It is an honor to represent him in Congress and I wish him a happy retirement.

IN HONOR OF ANDREW SHORT

HON. JOHN JOYCE

OF PENNSYLVANIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2021

Mr. JOYCE of Pennsylvania. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Colonel Andrew "Coby" Short for his dedicated service to our country upon his retirement from the U.S. Army.

As Commander for the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers in the Pittsburgh District since July of 2018, Colonel Short has served for three years to improve the region's critical infrastructure. In addition to his service to the Pittsburgh District, Colonel Short was also appointed as the Border District Commander and tasked with directing a project that would focus on the construction of the U.S. Government's southwestern border.

Since he began his military career with a commission as a Second Lieutenant upon graduation from the U.S. Military Academy in 1997, Colonel Short has received numerous awards for his service, including the Bronze Star, the Combat Action Badge, and the Bronze Order of the De Fleury Medal, an award of the of the U.S. Army Engineer Association.

Colonel Short served the citizens of Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District as a

member of our Military Service Academy Interview Board, where he vetted potential nominees to our nation's service academies. I am grateful for his work in this capacity to ensure the continued readiness of our nation's Armed Forces for years to come.

On behalf of Pennsylvania's 13th Congressional District, I thank Colonel Short for his service, and I wish him continued success as he enters retirement.

IN RECOGNITION OF PHYLLIS
GOULD

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, July 27, 2021

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise along with my colleague, JARED HUFFMAN, to honor the late Phyllis Gould, one of the Bay Area Rosie the Riveters whose work was essential for the United States and its allies to win the war. Phyllis passed away on July 20, 2021, just shy of her 100th birthday on October 7. We had the honor and pleasure to work with Phyllis on legislation that recognizes the immense contributions the Rosies have made to history.

Phyllis Mickey Gould was born at Camp Lewis, now Fort Lewis, Washington. Her father served in the Army for 30 years and received a Silver Star and Purple Heart for his service in France during the World War I. Back during that time, Phyllis liked to explain, women didn't plan a career at an early age, instead they learned to cook and sew and were expected to marry young and raise a family. World War II changed that. Men were drafted to fight the war, leaving the jobs building ships, planes and munitions vacant. More than ten million women nationwide stepped in. In July 1942, Phyllis became one of the first six women welders at Kaiser shipyards in Richmond, California. Soon she was followed by her two sisters who became a draftsman and a welder and by her mother who became a painter. The Richmond shipyard built a record 747 cargo ships. Phyllis worked as a welder until the end of the war.

The Rosies were iconized by a poster by Howard Miller which ironically didn't become famous until 40 years after its creation. It's a poster of a young woman with a polka dot bandana, rolling up her denim shirt sleeve, flexing her bicep and exclaiming "We Can Do It!" Miller was hired by Westinghouse Company's War Production Coordinating Committee in 1942 to create a series of posters of inspirational images to boost worker morale. It was displayed only to Westinghouse employees in the Midwest for two weeks in 1943 and then disappeared. In the 1980s it was rediscovered, labeled Rosie the Riveter and became a symbol for American feminism.

For Phyllis, the Rosies never received the recognition they deserved, so she made it her life's mission to change that and this is how my colleagues and I came to know her. She was laser focused, feisty and tenacious. She emphatically stated, "The military could not have done what it did without what we did! Every item they needed to succeed—a woman helped produce!!" Her ultimate dream was to have a National Rosie Holiday, a plaque at veterans memorials across the country, a stat-

ue on the Washington Mall, an annual special commemorative coin, and a ticker tape parade down 5th Avenue in New York. You see, Phyllis always aimed high. For her personally, she said, she wanted to be able to say on her gravestone: Mission Accomplished!

While she didn't accomplish everything on her ambitious dream list, she accomplished a lot in her decades of advocacy for these war sheroes. In 2014, she and five other Rosies were invited to the White House and met with President Obama and then-Vice President Biden, even snatching a hug from him. Congressman HUFFMAN carried, and I cosponsored, a bill that designated March 21 as Rosie the Riveter Day during Women's History Month. It has to be renewed each year, but we do have a national holiday, thanks in large part to Phyllis' work. I carried, and Congressman HUFFMAN cosponsored, the Rosie the Riveter Congressional Gold Medal Act which was signed into law in December 2020. The U.S. mint is now in the process of designing the medal and Phyllis was deeply involved in sharing her design ideas with the mint.

In 2019, Phyllis and two fellow Rosies traveled to France for the 75th Anniversary of D-Day. In a letter to Senator SCHUMER, she wrote that the people of France honored their work with parades, a banquet, gifts and a medal. In 2000, The Rosie the Riveter WWII Home Front National Historical Park opened its doors in Richmond, due to the advocacy of Phyllis and her fellow Rosies.

Madam Speaker, Phyllis Gould never stopped fighting for the Rosies and she refused to take no for an answer. She was fiercely independent. She lived alone in her apartment and drove a stick shift truck up until a few days before she fell ill at 99. She proudly displayed photos of the herself with the President and Vice President and Members of Congress. She didn't have a computer or cell phone, but she made countless phone calls from her landline and wrote countless handwritten letters to federal and state elected officials to plead for proper recognition of these war heroes. In our book, she has permission to write Mission Accomplished on her gravestone.

HONORING NAREH MANOOKI AS A
28TH CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT
WOMAN OF THE YEAR

HON. ADAM B. SCHIFF

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Mr. SCHIFF. Madam Speaker, I rise today in honor of Women's History Month. Each year, we pay special tribute to the contributions and sacrifices made by our Nation's women. It is an honor to pay homage to outstanding women who are making a difference in my Congressional District. I would like to recognize a remarkable woman, Nareh Manooki of Burbank, California.

After graduating from high school, Nareh attended the University of California San Diego (UCSD). During her junior year at UCSD, Nareh started to work part-time for the Boeing Company, joining full time after graduating from UCSD with a Bachelor of Science degree in Aerospace Engineering, followed by a Master of Science degree in Product Development